

The Prince

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Game Openings: Yes

Number 5

"There are three different kinds of brains, the one understands things unassisted, the other understands things when shown by others, the third understands neither alone nor with the explanations of others."

Machiavelli

This is The Prince, a warehouse szine (I think) published every three weeks by Jim Meinel, 628 Whitworth Lane So. Renton, WA 98055. It costs 25¢/issue or any multiple thereof. People on my standby list get the zine for free. I'm trying to get a third game going with the standard three week deadlines and prophetic play. Cost is \$5.00 and it's non-DIAS and non-black press. Send no preference list, the draw is random. Any plugs you publishers out there could give me would help out a whole and I'd be most grateful. I'm fairly sure the size of the zine will remain at this huge size of six pages.

Anyone wanting a copy of my houserules can have them for the price of a SASE. Players, standbys, and players on the waiting list (geez, that's about everyone) get them just for asking. I would really urge you to ask if you don't have a copy.

I've been getting my share of fakes lately - the most recent one being the fake of Europa Express. Hey all you fakers out there - I love 'em! I'm damn near always fooled by them, even this last one had me going until I somehow got a second copy of it and I was combing it to see if there were any changes. Oh well, it was good news to hear Gary was still in the hobby! Great job, whoever you (all) were.

Diplomacy World (editor: Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Dr. Encinitas, CA 92024) has announced a sub rate increase for DW to \$8.00/yr. effective Jan 1. Resubs though are at the old rate until then so jump at it, it's way worth the price. Also, there is a sampler partial issue of DW that's your's for a SASE so if you don't sub it would be a great chance to see what you're missing. And finally, Pontevedria is a game openings flyer put out by Rod on a regular basis. If you are looking for a new game to join ask Rod for a copy (with the customary SASE). Tell him you heard it in The Prince.

Jobhunting - I guess eight strikes means I'm out. Two final rejection letters from the firms who invited me back into their office for a second interview squashed any desire (dream?) of working in Big Eight accounting. So next January I start the whole process over again at school with some other smaller public accounting firms, and I'll probably hit a few private companies looking for accountants. I really want to be in public though, perhaps eventually going out on my own as a CPA or as part of a small practice. Gotta start somewhere, right?

This issue is a gala Christmas issue but not by design, it just kinda turned out two pages longer. More puzzles this week since the first ones were obviously too easy, besides those people I've named later on who got right answers Kevin Tighe came in with two late correct answers. My Player Reliability Rating is contained within these pages, and a music column by a fellow named Chuck Burks which might become a regular thing. And of course the games. Happy reading, and Merry Christmas! (wait, this is a warehouse zine, remember?)

Oh, by the way, since people in the hobby are announcing their new arrivals, I've got one who's been around a bit but still is a big day for me. My son, Patrick, is going to be two years old January 10th. Happy Birthday to him.

Medici 1982IC
Winter 1901

MASSIVE ARMS BUILDUP SIGNALS WAR IN EUROPE

AUSTRIA(G.Milewski)	builds A VIE. Also has F Ion, A Tri, A Ser
ENGLAND(D.Scheifler)	builds F LON, F EDI. Also has F Nwy, A Bel, F Eng
FRANCE(M.Whitty)	builds F MAR. Also has A Gas, A Spa, F Por
GERMANY(J.MacFarlane)	builds A KIE, A MUN. Also has A Bur, A Den, F Hol
ITALY(K.Byrne)	builds F NAP. Also has A Pie, A Ven, F Gre
RUSSIA(L.McCloud)	builds A StP, A WAR. Also has F Swe, F Rum, A Gal, A Ukr
TURKEY(K.Tighe)	builds F SMY. Also has A Bul, F Con, A Ank

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders and Summer conditional retreats is Thursday January 13, 1983 9:00 PM PST. Now it's time for the prophetic fun to begin! The following are units which may require conditional retreat orders to be submitted along with this season's orders:

AUS: F Gre	FRA: F Mar	ITA: F Gre	TUR: A Bul
ENG: F Nwy, A Bel	GER: A Bur	RUS: F Swe, F Rum	

NRR for a unit dislodged will result in the disbandonment of that unit.

Press

Yor-Mar: She'll be coming 'round the Swiss Alps when she comes.

Ger-Fra: Nice play. Rest assured, though, your glory is only temporary. He who insults Kathy gets Byrned!

Ita-Fra: Smart moves - almost too good to believe!

Par-Lon, Ber & Rom I hope you're feeling frustrated. How did I do it? I just read your greedy little minds!

Lon-Par: The Kaiser is a bloodthirsty pirate and the Pope is a cradle-robber. Do you want to be tortured or molested? Better to run on your sword and be done with it.

Par-Lon: You slimey limeys can have Belgium with my compliments. But keep your hands off my Brest! I'm glad you were gullible enough to allow me to take Portugal.

Ger-Eng & Ita: Keep on trucking!

Par-Ber: You hideous fiend, ringleader of this alliance of scum attempting to bring mighty France to her knees, who so smugly congratulated yourself after putting together your coalition of vermin in Spring 1901, how much did you gain? How many French supply centers are owned by you and your lackeys? The answer is, and shall remain: NONE! And soon we shall drive you and your pack of dogs off of every last square foot of French soil, forever! EAT FLAMING DEATH!

GM: Ooooooooo...

Ank-Par: You are truly a whitty player. Hang in there.

Par-Rom: I ~~knew~~ you'd never attack without a promise of German support into Marseilles. And what are you doing letting Austria take the Ionian?

Ita-Rus: Lay off my son - he's a good boy! I'd hate to tell the police you're a child abuser - but I will if I have to.

Ita-Ger: I'm sure by the time this game gets to 04 I'll be able to write an article on "How not to play Italy," but I will be able to thank you for the free issues of VoD I'll get for sending it in!

Lon-Mun & Rom: Three against one? I feel guilty already! My conscience won't let me sleep at night, and I've lost ten pounds. What am I to do?

Ita-Sonny: For that you get 2 extra cookies at snack time! Who said you have to be over 13 to be smart? I'll tell you who - Turkey!

Ita-Eng: Okay!

Par-Vie: Looks like you're about to get a Russian bear hug. I winder, did you write to him? The Tsar doesn't seem to like you very much.

Edi-StP: Neither of us got around to writing this season, so another fleet won't surprise me too much. Perhaps we should invest in a couple of stamps this season. Peace is a many splendored thing.

More press on back page...

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Please note the COA for Mark Luedi (FRA) effective immediately.

I knew almost as soon as I mailed out the last issue that three weeks was not going to be enough time for Spring negotiations. I mailed postcards to the players last week notifying them of an automatic extension of the deadline to January. Two players confirmed that with requests anyway.

So, the deadline for Spring 1901 orders is Thursday January 13, 1983 9:00 PM PST. I've got three sets of preliminary orders on hand already - thanks a lot. Oh yeah, Merry Christmas.

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The winner of last issues contest was Larry McCloud, who answered all three of the riddles correctly first. Mark Luedi and Keith Sherwood also submitted one and two correct answers respectively. Larry gets a three issue extension to his sub. Here are two more puzzles worth an issue a piece to the first correct answers:

1) When John got to Las Vegas the papers were headlining a story about a gambler and his wife who had been skiing at Sun Valley. The wife had died after a skiing accident. The gambler had been the only witness to her fall when she skidded over the precipice.

A clerk in Las Vegas read about the accident and phoned the Idaho police. The gambler was arrested on suspicion of murder. The reporters were surprised with the clerk's story.

"I don't know the gambler or his wife and I didn't suspect foul play until I read about the accident."

Why then, did the clerk call the police?

2) At the time of the German occupation of France, during World War II, four people were riding a hotel elevator in Paris. One passenger was a Nazi officer in uniform, another was a native Frenchman who was a secret member of the underground. The third passenger was a young, pretty girl, and the fourth was an elderly lady. They were all strangers to one another.

Suddenly a power failure occurred. The elevator stopped and the lights went out, leaving the car in total darkness. There was the sound of a kiss, followed by the sound of a punch in the face. A moment later the power was back on. The Nazi officer had a fresh bruise under one eye.

The elderly lady thought: "Serves him right! I'm glad that young girls these days can take care of themselves."

The young girl thought, "What strange tastes these Nazis have! Instead of kissing me, he must have tried to kiss this older woman or this nice young man. I can't figure it out!"

The Nazi officer thought: "What happened? I didn't do anything. Maybe this Frenchman tried to kiss the girl and she hit me by mistake."

Only the Frenchman knew exactly what had happened. Can you deduce what took place?

Answers to last week's puzzles on back page.

Below is a little project I have been working on for about the past half year. What it is is a tally of how postal players have finished their games, as reported in the Everythings #43 through the recent #54. Anyone with five completed games without dropping out is included below. Resignations don't count against the player but are noted with an asterisk. I update this thing every time the new Everything comes out and send the result to Keith Sherwood, who publishes You Know My Name (Look up the Number), a quarterly publication for the Modern Calhamer Point Count. If you're interested in seeing how the players rate, Calhamer point-wise, send Keith 50¢ and ask for a sample. His address is: P.O.Box 6457 La Jolla, CA 92037. Keith's a neo-Californian but other than that he's an okay guy.

Lee Kendter, Sr.	29	Steve Arnawoodian	9	Fraser MacLeod	6
*John Caruso	23	Doug Beyerlein	9	*Vern Schaller	6
*John Michalski	23	*Mark Berch	9	Tom Thorsen	6
Dick Martin	21	David Pierce	9	Pete Ashley	5
*Phil Cooper	20	*Al Pearson	9	Gerry Austin	5
Dave Carter	17	*Dwayne Shreve	9	H.D. Basset	5
Gene Boggess	16	Rick Kassel	8	Joe Clement	5
*Jack Masters	16	Eldon Nichol	8	Bart Denny	5
*Bob Sergeant	16	Wayne Norton	8	Gregory Dick	5
*Kathy Byrne	15	Uli Baumeister	7	Bill Drakert	5
George Pyfrom	14	John Daly	7	John Davies	5
*Konrad Baumeister	13	Scott Hanson	7	Ron Foster	5
Bill Schiwautz	13	Bob Kluge	7	Pete Fuchs	5
Ron Brown	12	Mike Lariton	7	Gary Howe	5
Bill Becker	12	Kevin Mooney	7	Barry Hichey	5
Arturo Cuajardo	12	Clark Reynolds	7	David Hard	5
Randolph Smyth	12	Mark Rowell	7	Tom Hurst	5
Lee Kendter, Jr.	11	Don Swartz	7	Bryan Jurkowski	5
Eric Kirchner	11	*Arnold Trembley	6	Mark Larzelere	5
George Leritte	11	John Aicken	6	Bob Lipton	5
*Jon Michal	11	Ken Baker	6	Anna Moraitis	5
*Dan Stafford	11	Kerry Blant	6	Dave Marshall	5
Keith Sherwood	11	Mike Conner	6	Jeff Noto	5
Richard Kovalcik	10	Stan Dunn	6	Peter Reese	5
Bob Olsen	10	Mark Fassio	6	Tom Ripper	5
Paul Rauterberg	10	*Ken Iverson	6	Tom Swider	5
Ben Schilling	10				

Forgot to say, these include completes and counts drops as a standby.

The reason I keep a virtual notebook on all the people who have appeared in the BNC's report is because I think that all too often most of the recognition in the hobby goes to people who can amass the most Calhamer points or come up with big ratings. There are a lot of people who, I think, should be recognized for being reliable players. Now if you glance at this list and then take a look at some of the ratings around you'll see that players who play a lot and finish their games also tend to be high up in the ratings. Fair enough, but not always the case. So this list is just an attempt to give these players a bit of recognition as reliable people.

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It's that time again! These are the standbys for games in The Prince, all of whom receive the zine for free: Tighe, MacFarlane, Conlon, Kurtz, McCloud, Cosselin, Palter, Heintzman, Shea, Sesler. Anyone wanting on or off this list please let me know. Thanks a lot.

And now for something completely different.

IN YOUR EAR (a music column)

Welcome. Let me introduce myself before we get too far into this. I'm Chuck Burks and I like good music; a lot. I also hate bad music; a lot. Credentials? Three years in various record stores, many many many records (LP's & 45's) spread all through the house, single's buyer for a major record chain... But enough of this, let's get to the music. The end of the year is as good a time as any for lists. Sooo, here are my lists of the prime and the pits of 1982's vinyl offering.

The Prime

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| #1 Men at Work, <u>Business as Usual</u> | 11 Roxy Music, <u>Avalon</u> |
| 2 Asia, <u>Asia</u> | 12 Robert Plant, <u>Pictures at Eleven</u> |
| 3 Duran Duran, <u>Rio</u> | 13 Simon & Garfunkel, <u>Concert in Central Park</u> |
| 4 Cheap Trick, <u>One on One</u> | 14 Dire Straits, <u>Love Over Gold</u> |
| 5 Elton John, <u>Jump Up</u> | 15 Rolling Stones, <u>Still Life</u> |
| 6 Fleetwood Mac, <u>Mirage</u> | 16 Kenny Loggins, <u>High Adventure</u> |
| 7 Phil Collins, <u>Hells, I Must be Going</u> | 17 Kim Carnes, <u>Voyeur</u> |
| 8 John Cougar, <u>American Fool</u> | 18 (tie) Motley Crew, <u>Too Fast for Love</u> |
| 9 John Waite, <u>Ignition</u> | Stray Cats, <u>Built for Speed</u> |
| 10 Scorpions, <u>Blackout</u> | 20 Crosby, Stills & Nash, <u>Daylight Again</u> |

Honorable Mention: Billy Joel, Nylon Curtain; Huey Lewis, Picture This;
Tom Petty, Long After Dark; Pat Benatar, Get Nervous (side 2)

The Pits

- #1 Aldo Nova (in a class by himself, really)
- 2 Survivor (I didn't mind Eye of the Tiger at first, but then it seemed to be everywhere I went)
- 3 Those really tacky medley albums
- 4 Toto IV
- 5 Toni Basil, Mickey
- 6 REO Speedwagon, Good Trouble (we know they can do better)
- 7 Rush (period.)
- 8 The continued presence of Loverboy
- 9 Yoko Ono (sure we liked John, but does she really deserve to be on the nightly news?)
- 10 The Waitresses

Having read many year-end lists I can say without hesitation that mine is the one I agree with the most. And besides, I have an honest face, you can trust me. (where have I heard that before?) I'll keep rockin' and rollin' in my car, my house and my job all to bring you this column month after month until I lose my hearing or my mind or both. And even then I might not stop. Remember: you gotta rock 'til it hurts, therwise it's all just a waste of time, isn't it? Lyric of the issue,

"Athena, my heart felt like a shattered glass in an acid bath"

Athena (Pete Townshend) The Who - It's Hard

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This is your leader speaking. Critiques/responses/whatever to the above will be printed in next issue. Oh, no! Not letters! (think 'warehouse, warehouse!')

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Corsica-Spa: No wonder you don't get any mail. 'He who is not wise himself cannot be well advised', if I may misquote Machiavelli...

Lon: Is a female a pope or a popess? Or is that a contradiction in ideology? If a pope married a popess and they had a cyclops kid, what should he be named? You guessed it, Popeye.

GM: And now it's Turkey's turn.

Lon-Con: Sorry I didn't respond to your letter. It took awhile to decipher.

Ita-Tur: You better think about the great start Russia is off to! I'll assume he gets no centers from Austria - so where do you think he will head!

Tur-Ita: Ah yes, a new game in a new zine with new toadies. You live a charmed life.

Lon-Con: You're going to pick on a woman and a boy? Now I know why Turkey has always been considered the "sick man" in Europe.

Ita-Aus: Santa is very good to good allies - you'll see!

Ger-Atreides Italy: Hey, another New Mexican! How 'bout that! Now where the &@%\$(is La Luz? Oh, I know! It's down in the valley and you're one of those bearded hispanics with a switchblade and a lowrider. Hmmm... Well, good luck in your game, and happy stabbing!

KB to board & GM: Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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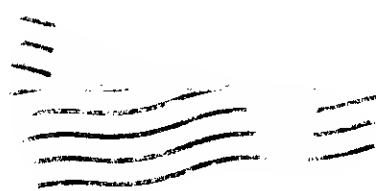
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Answers:

- 1) Each driver drove someone else's car.
- 2) The trains entered the tunnel at different times in the afternoon.
- 3) \$1,977 is worth one dollar more than \$1,976.



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